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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

## Reply Brief

The Reply Brief filed on 7/17/07 has been entered and considered. However, no further response by the Examiner is deemed necessary. The Application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeal and Interferences for decision on the Appeal.

#### Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yixing Qin whose telephone number is (571)272-7381. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Twyler Lamb can be reached on (571)272-7406. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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